



Mural Tour Q&A:

The City of Hayward has been working with local artists to install murals in an effort to fight blight and improve neighborhoods. Most murals are Downtown and walking tours have become the best way to view much of the artwork the City has to offer. The information listed below provides tips and answers to frequently-asked questions. Our goal is to provide you the best experience while enjoying our award-winning Mural Art Program!

Where do we meet? And how long is the tour? Groups usually meet at the Gateway Mural which is located at the southwest corner of Foothill Blvd and Maple Ct (opposite City Center Dr). The meeting location may be changed in consideration of the group's needs. The tour is approximately two and a half hours in duration so it is advisable to wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour groups generally consist of 10 to 30 people and are scheduled Monday- Thursday; 9:30am-2:00pm but may be also scheduled for Saturday or Sunday; 10:00am- 2:00pm upon request.

What kind of weather should I expect? Visitors to the City of Hayward are often surprised by the area's mild, warm climate. Hayward typically enjoys summer daytime temperatures in the 70's and low 80's, with an occasional brief heat wave. Fall days are also quite temperate. Winter daytime temperatures are usually in the 50's and 60's. Our "rainy season" usually begins in the late fall and continues into the spring. It is recommended that you dress in layers since weather conditions can change throughout the day and depending on the mural locations (ex. under shade trees or bridges or out in direct sunlight).

How should I dress for the Mural Tour? Dress casually—and for the weather! If you're taking a tour, it's also a good idea to bring a water bottle, a hat/ visor and sunscreen. You can't go wrong with "layering" in the late fall, winter, and early spring. Some back-up rain gear is advisable for November through March. Please be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes; flip-flops or open-toe shoes are not recommended.

Do you have any resources available to visitors who speak languages other than English? Please call us for details, Cecilia Manzo (510) 583-4260.

Am I able to obtain of list of Mural locations if I want to visit sites on my own? Mural maps are available online on our website, <http://hayward-ca.gov/mural>.

What is there to do in Hayward after the Tour? Hayward offers many sites to enjoy after the tour has concluded. Our downtown businesses showcase a variety of foods to satisfy any palate. Please click on link below to view a directory of restaurants in the Hayward/ Downtown area:

<http://www.hayward-ca.gov/haywardopenforbusiness/documents/HaywardRestaurantGuide.pdf>



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Please contact Cecilia Manzo at (510) 583-4260 or via email cecilia.manzo@hayward-ca.gov to schedule a tour. You can also contact Stacey Bristow at (510) 583-4233 or via email stacey.bristow@hayward-ca.gov with any other questions regarding the Mural Art Program.